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would score at least the required minimum 500 points as described in § 17.716(b)(4) of this part on the application. VA will ensure compliance by conducting inspections as described in § 17.721 of this part.

(2) Where the recipient fails to comply with paragraph (d)(1) of this section, VA will issue a notice of the Department's intent to discontinue per diem payments. The recipient will then have 30 days to submit documentation demonstrating why payments should not be terminated. After review of any such documentation, VA will issue a final decision on termination of per diem payment.

(3) Continued payment is subject to availability of funds. When necessary due to funding limitations, VA will, in proportion to the decrease in funding available, decrease the per diem payment for each authorized veteran.

(Authority: 38 U.S.C. 501, 7721, note)

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§ 17.716 Eligibility to receive per diem payments.

An entity must be formally recognized by VA as eligible to receive per diem payments under this section before per diem payments can be made for the care of homeless veterans, except that per diem payments may be made on behalf of a veteran up to three days prior to this recognition.

(a) A grant recipient will be eligible if it receives the minimum score as described in paragraph (b)(4) of this section.

(b) A nongrant recipient will be eligible if it is an entity eligible to receive a grant, which for the purposes of this section means:

(1) At least 75 percent of persons who are receiving supportive services or supportive housing from the entity are veterans who may be included in computation of the amount of aid payable from VA;

(2) The supportive services or supportive housing program for which per diem payments is requested was established after November 10, 1992;

(3) The entity is a public or nonprofit private entity; and

(4) The entity score at least 500 cumulative points on the following sec-

tions of the Grant/Per Diem application: Quality (1); Targeting (2); Ability (3); Description of Need (4); and Coordination with Other Programs (8). These sections correspond to the selection criteria of § 17.711(c) of this part.

(c) For grant recipients, only those programs that provide supportive services or supportive housing (or the portions thereof) created with grant funds will be considered for per diem assistance. For nongrant recipients, only those portions of the supportive services or supportive housing described in the application will be considered for per diem assistance.

(Authority: 38 U.S.C. 501, 7721, note)

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§ 17.717 Request for recognition of eligibility.

(a) Requests for recognition of eligibility may be addressed to the VA Homeless Providers Grant and Per Diem Programs, Mental Health Strategic Healthcare Group (116E), U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20420.

(b) For nongrant recipients, the receipt of application for per diem will constitute the request for recognition of eligibility. Grant recipients seeking per diem assistance will indicate this request on the application. Grant recipients are not required to complete a separate application for per diem assistance. VA will review those portions of the grant application that pertain to per diem. Those entities already receiving a grant must submit a request for recognition to initiate the scoring of their application for per diem payments.

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§ 17.718 Approval of annexes and new facilities.

Separate applications for recognition must be filed for any annex, branch, enlargement, expansion, or relocation of the site of service provision of an eligible entity's facility which is not on the same or contiguous grounds on which the parent facility is located. When an eligible entity establishes sites which have not been inspected